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Hellas accuse Sydney club

South Melbourne-Hellas this week accused Sydney club Apia of "underhand methods" in trying to poach star player Ernie Ackery at the weekend.

They claim that Apia officials gave Ackery the "Royal treatment" in Sydney in an effort to induce him to sign with the club.

And they claim that if Ackery had signed there was nothing Hellas could do about it, despite having sponsored him to Australia and paid the necessary fees involved.

This is because Victoria was not a party to an Australia-wide agreement between clubs not to poach players who had been sponsored to Australia by other clubs.

• How Hellas found Ernie in Sydney — See Page 5.

'NOT PARASITES' CLUBS HIT BACK

State League officials this week denied they were "parasites clinging to South Melbourne-Hellas."

They strongly criticised Hellas officials who said that some other clubs "schemed and connived" to play Hellas at Olympic Park on a Sunday.

This was because of the big gate money that comes from Hellas games.

DON'T MISS THE OLYMPIC PARK DOUBLE HEADER THIS SATURDAY

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'NOT PARASITES' CLUBS HIT BACK

Hellas, the strongest club in the League, has a regular support of at least 5000.

At least 75 per cent of their officials are in favor of backing the move for an Australia-wide National League.

Slavia team manager John Oliphant led the attack. "They have very short memories," he said.

"Only a few years ago Hellas was unknown. It was clubs like Juventus, Polonia and George Cross who kept Soccer going.

"Now Hellas are in on the bandwagon — and they have climbed there on the back of South Melbourne, who are now extinct."

Mr Oliphant said that Slavia did all the spadework for the Basel (Swiss) tour. Once it was all arranged Slavia "graciously" handed the game over to the Federation, who made near £4000 profit.

A Melbourne official said that Hellas brought the Greek Air Force team early in the year, but did not share any proceeds with the Federation.

An official of one of the smaller State League clubs accused Hellas of "selling out" the State League. The present set-up of State League clubs would collapse if Hellas went into a National League.

Another club official said Hellas were "pointing the gun" at some State League clubs' heads. "If Hellas jump we all jump," he said.

Meanwhile State League clubs will meet tonight (Thursday) to hear arguments for and against the National League.

The case for will be presented by NSW officials Jim Bayutti and Ben Nathan, who are flying down from Sydney at their own expense.

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Popular Player Competition
SEE COUPON ON

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Dockerty Cup

When Soccer News went to press clubs were still arguing on the weekend's Dockerty Cup games.

It is believed Hellas and Polonia have refused to play at Olympic Park on Sunday if another game is played as a curtain-raiser.

Watch daily newspapers for the final outcome of this stupid wrangle.

• Dockerty Cup fixtures as they were originally drawn, Page 3.

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12 POLICE FOR BIG KNOCKOUT

Twelve police have been ordered for the vital Croatia v Makedonia clash at Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne, on Saturday.

There will be 10 foot police and two mounted troopers.

"We are taking all precautions. It is an extremely vital game and feelings could run high," a Federation official said last night.

The game will kick off at 2.45 and not 1 p.m. as previously announced.

The winner will be promoted to State League next year.

Locked together

At the moment the two teams are locked together on top of the First Division ladder. Only a fraction in goal averages separates them, with Croatia on top.

Croatia have scored 72 goals, against 17. Makedonia have scored 67.

goals, against 17. Both teams have 37 points.

Makedonia must win to go into State League. A draw will mean promotion for Croatia.

Both teams are at full strength for the match. Croatia are spurred on by the strong play and sound coaching of former Wilhelmina star Ollie Norris.

Makedonia rely on a rugged defence and lightning raids on goals.

Croatia will no doubt adopt defensive tactics to try to keep Makedonia scoreless, but Makedonia have a counter-plan if this method is adopted.

Whatever the outcome, it will be a fast and furious battle.

See Derek McMinn's preview, Page 6.

JIMMY ADAM WINS THE TROPHY!

South Melbourne-Hellas winger Jimmy Adam has won the Soccer News trophy for the Best and Fairest player of 1964.

He polled 21 votes — one ahead of three rivals, Alan Elliott (Melbourne), Frank Donlevy (Juventus) and Jackie Dudson (Polonia). (See story and full voting figures, Page 5).

Jimmy, in only nine months in Australia, has proved one of the most outstanding players ever to come here. He played for Australia twice against Everton.

It was his outstanding left wing play that lifted Hellas to the State League championship this year.

But Jim is modest about that. It was a team effort, he says.

On his future, Jimmy has one thought in mind. He would like to play wing half for Hellas.

"I've played there many times before and I feel I would like a change from the left wing," he says.

He said he has had a wonderful time in Australia. "This is my new homeland, for sure!"

Jimmy came to Australia

from Falkirk in Scotland. Before that he played with Stoke City with Stanley Matthews.

He recently bought a home in East Bentleigh and is settling in with his wife, Enid, and two children, a boy, aged 4, and a girl, 2.

See the match to decide next year's State Leaguers

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Martin Aston uncovers Everton signing

NSW junior BACKGROUND TO SOCCER to join the 'Millionaires'

One of Sydney's most promising young players, Dennis Yaager, is on the verge of a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

He is due to leave for England next week to join the Everton staff as an apprentice professional.

Yaager is 17 and left school less than a year ago. He is hoping to be able to serve a full apprenticeship lasting three years with Everton.

Members of the Everton party had a quick but careful look at what Australia had to offer in the way of young material and took Yaager as the pick of the crop.

They told him that they were prepared to give him a chance but were not prepared to pay his fare to England.

So he has had to raise the money for his air ticket.

Despite his unusual sounding name, Yaager is a "dinki di" second generation Australian because his father was only four years old when he came here from Estonia.

His blond hair makes him look more like one of the "surfies" who frequent Sydney beaches in the summer months than a Soccer player.

Yaager knows that he is going to England as an unknown and can expect to come under the strictest of discipline.

He will be coming under the direct supervision of the club's assistant coach Ron Lewin as soon as he joins up with Everton.

Lewin has very few friends among his apprentice professional players because he works them into the ground and shows them no mercy.

But they hold him in great respect.

This was obvious when three of his apprentice professional protégés, Barry Rees, Gerry Humphreys and Johnny Hurst, were here with the Everton party.

THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE EVERTON TEAM STOOD ALOOF FROM THEM.

Even though Rees already has played several matches in the Everton senior team and showed his ability in scoring a "hat trick" of goals in the match against Queensland.

Yaager accepts the fact that he will have to train hard every day and give up any thought of having late nights.

And every day there will be the task of cleaning the boots of the first team players.

The apprenticeship will not be easy but Yaager knows that every minute of it will be worthwhile.

Dream trip for two

Who is paying for the dream trip being made to Argentina by the Australian Soccer Federation president Mr William G. Walkley and his wife?

Nobody here is contributing a penny.

The Argentine Government and Football Federation are combining to pick up every tab from go to whoa in a bid to gain our vote to support Argentina's application to act as host country for the World Cup in 1970.

Whether they can win the honor from Mexico will be decided at the FIFA Congress in Tokyo next month.

ONE CAN IMAGINE JUST HOW FAR ARGENTINA HAVE GONE TO WIN THE SUPPORT OF THE MORE INFLUENTIAL NATIONS.

At the moment Mr Walkley should be starting to inspect grounds and Soccer conditions in Argentina.

He left Sydney last week and was due to stop over for a day or two in Lima and Santiago before arriving in Buenos Aires.

From there Mr Walkley will go direct to Tokyo and link up with the other Australian delegates Jim Bayutti (NSW) and Vic Tuting (Tasmania) for the FIFA Congress.

NSW Soccer Federation president Ben Nathan is due to arrive in Melbourne today (Thursday) in a bid to talk Victoria into supporting the proposed National competition.

He is hoping to see a 12-team "Super League" championship in operation next season.

Mr Nathan said that he has been invited to speak to the Victorian clubs by the chairman of the State League, Mr Harry Dressler.

"I hope to be able to stay for at least another two or three days after the meeting and will be only too happy to have a chat with any individual clubs," he said.

The management committee of the NSW Federation already has adopted in principle a report by



VIC TUTING
For Tokyo



DENNIS YAAGER
For Everton

Mr Nathan on a proposed "Super League" for next year.

He considers that the ideal number of teams for such a competition would be 12.

This would be made up of three teams from both Sydney and Melbourne, two each from Queensland and South Australia and one each from Newcastle and the South Coast.

All that it needs is for Victoria to say the word for the proposed National competition to become a reality.

It is believed that a leading airline is willing to offer a special cut rate under which all players would travel to the various cities for little more than £7 each.

Leading clubs and officials in Sydney favor the project as they realize that something must be done to maintain public support let alone gain new spectators for the code.

THE TOP CLUBS SUCH AS APIA AND BUDAPEST-ST. GEORGE WANT TO BE IN IT AND SO DO SOUTH COAST AND NEWCASTLE.

Several amalgamations already are in the air.

Australian Federation vice-president Jim Bayutti recently chaired a meeting between officials from Prague and Hakoah with a view to the two clubs joining forces to form a "Super League" team.

The idea is to run the competition on similar lines to the fantastically successful West German "Bundesliga" national competition which started last year.

The draw would be arranged so that there would be a game in every major city each weekend.

Such a "Super League" would be a good excuse to get rid of the "national" identity of some clubs which is driving "old Australian" spectators away from the code.

Mr Nathan has suggested a scheme which could provide the necessary finance to get a National competition into operation.

HE SAID THAT EACH CLUB COULD APPOINT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF 12 IN WHICH EACH MEMBER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PUT £1000 INTO THE CLUB.

A club could then run on English professional lines with a full-time coach and a certain number of full-time professional players.

First — and last

Budapest-St. George are poised to win the Sydney championship for the first and last occasion.

They are strongly favored to beat the unpredictable Apia in the grand final at the Sportsground on Sunday.

Next season the club is planning to drop the "Budapest" from its name and become known simply as "St. George."

The move is certain to gain them thousands of new supporters in the incredibly sports-conscious St. George area.

St. George already have won the local Australian Rules competition and their Rugby League team are at unbeatable odds to take out the premiership for the NINTH year in succession.

Budapest are playing a clever and cultured brand of Soccer which cannot be matched by any team in the competition.

BIG SHOCK FOR NEW ARRIVAL

By MARTIN ASTON
A player who has won a full International cap for England has arrived secretly in Sydney.

And he got a rude surprise to learn that his new club, Corinthian, had been relegated to second division.

He is former Arsenal right winger Danny Clapton.

His clever dribbling ability enabled him to win an International cap against Wales in 1959.

Corinthian are likely to be forced to release Clapton to another club because they simply do not have enough money to pay both him and coach Frank Broome.

A couple of Sydney clubs already have made tentative bids for him and there would be nothing to stop any Victorian club from doing the same.

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JIM COOK HAS A LOOK AT OUR

Every season most of our clubs are faced with problem positions on the playing field.

And if an outstanding problem position of the previous year has been satisfactorily solved, you can almost bet that the "gremlins" step in somewhere in the side.

In this article I'll deal with wingers in 1964, positions which I feel have caused satisfaction to a few and worry to many.

A winger essentially relies on two main traits . . . speed and simplicity, with the ability, of course, to cross or cut back accurately.

And experience shows that a fast winger will usually blend well with a ball-playing inside forward. If some of our wingers have been under a cloud this season, then it doesn't necessarily follow the blame lies wholly at their feet.

Lack of support from the rear, a too-selfish inside forward or a centre who fails to bring his wingers into action, could all contribute to poor showings.

And numerical systems have the tendency to curb the natural play or enterprise of a winger.

Now for a glance at the men who have occupied the extreme wing berths for their clubs this season:

HELLAS

Pyrgolios—Speedy and has potential.

Adam—His full time experience in England was a big factor in Hellas' success.

GEORGE CROSS

Campbell—Has only shown his brilliance in flashes this season.

Copeland—A tried and still sprightly, but nearing the end of his long service.

HAKOAH

McQuillan—Scored some important goals, but wasn't impressive.

Keenan—Much improved on last season.

JUVENTUS

Oxton—Faded after a bright start.

Higgins—Clever, but lacks penetration.

J.U.S.T.

Marinovic—Retired late in the season. A blow to J.U.S.T.

Stankovic—Well below top form until the last few games.

SLAVIA

McMeehan—Faded after his bright showing of last season.

McCorquodale—Dangerous on the ball, but lacks zip.

POLONIA

Kowalec—Patchy form due to reshuffling of attack.

Katolik—Looks unsuited to Polonia's style.

WILHELMINA

Bosklopper—Patchy. Van der Gaag—Disappointing.

MELBOURNE

Abonyi—Not as good as last season. But poor support.

Schaumann—Clever, overdoes the ball work.

LIONS

Schumacher—Has shown "in" and "out" form.

Bevis—Dangerous in breakaways with his speed and shot.

TRIESTINA

Biritz—Lies too far back to be effective.

Capellini—Enterprising without being skillful.

ALEXANDER

Mangopoulos—Best wing prospect in the State League.

Racovitis—Indecisive.

Generally speaking these boys have been the recognised wingers of 1964, but on occasion some have been dropped, a few injured and others moved to new positions.

SUMMING-UP:

The two best wingers in my book I select for different reasons.

First as the most experienced and productive winger my vote goes to Adam of S.M.-Hellas.

And for the best wing prospect of 1964 I rate Mangopoulos of Alexander, who is still only a teenager and at school.

The players' union is NOT asleep!

"The Victorian Soccer Players' Association isn't dead—it's very much alive," said secretary Mike de Bruyckere this week.

Mike said the association now had 100 members and more players were expected to join before the general meeting at the end of next month.

Reason why the association's activities had been quiet was because they had been working on a constitution, said de Bruyckere.

They had written to several countries and had received players' union constitutions from Germany, Holland, England, Italy, Scotland and France.

From these, Mr Kevin Cook, a solicitor, had been compiling a suitable constitution to cater for the needs of Australian Soccer players.

De Bruyckere said that this took time and because they had to wait for replies to various European countries, this is why little had been heard of the activities of the association.

The players' association's committee were meeting every three weeks.

Rau flies to Europe

Brilliant Croatia inside right Miroslav Rau left for Europe on Monday and will miss the vital clash against Macedonia on Saturday.

Old Brightonians beat Brighton 2-1 at Dendy Park on Saturday. The old boys were led by Arthur Scott. After the game Mr Towzer, Brighton secretary, said: "This was a typical example of an excellent display of intelligence beating muscles."

'Doc' is 83 on Monday

Mr Harry J. Dockerty, president of the Victorian Soccer Federation, will be 83 next Monday.



tends Box Hill matches at Wembley Park.

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HELLAS MAY JUST PIP POLONIA

JIM COOK previews the 6th Dockerty Cup round

Polonia and South Melbourne-Hellas have many "old scores" to settle, which makes their Sunday battle at Olympic Park a likely thriller.

Three weeks ago Hellas scambled home and finished Polonia's Australia Cup hopes. But last year Polonia, with a 4-2 win in the fourth round, knocked the Greeks out of the Dockerty Cup.

With the 1964 league championship tucked safely away, Hellas will have the edge in confidence as well as pace. New spearhead, Ackerley, should boost their attack.

But the Greeks are suspect in defence and if Polonia's attack can recapture their best form then the result may be close.

My tip: SM-Hellas.

SLAVIA v WILHELMINA

Scoring 10 goals in two games without conceding one is proof of the strength and steadiness of Slavia's defence.

And their often changed

attack has found their goal-scoring touch at last. But the Port side will have to be wary. Wilhelmina killed their Australia Cup chances. And what's happened once can happen again.

Wilhelmina, with Van Alphen back in top form, has an ace in Frank Stoffels and if he is placed at centre he could cause plenty of worry to Billy Cook.

Overall, Slavia's more methodical approach play should more than match the gusto of the breezy Dutchmen and see them through.

My tip: Slavia.

GEORGE CROSS v HAKOAH

This should be an all action game with both sides playing the direct and orthodox game.

And it should have a real British flavor with 18 of

the players from the old country.

George Cross, with a superior defence, have a big advantage in this respect as Hakoah's rearguard is anything but formidable.

In attack there's not much between the sides, but Hakoah are better placed on the left wing.

The Cross superiority will have to be shown early as Hakoah have the stamina to build up as the game progresses and can be dangerous in the late stages.

My tip: George Cross.

MELBOURNE v J.U.S.T.

Melbourne will find the going tough against the Dockerty Cup holders, who have been on a scoring spree in their last three outings.

But the chips aren't down against Melbourne, who play good Soccer, but sometimes attack poorly.

New centre, McCaig, like Malloy receives scant support and all too often has to rely on his own speed and craft to score.

J.U.S.T. are back with a bang and Pilk, who for most of the season was strangely quiet, has scored almost as well in recent games.

My tip: J.U.S.T.

DOCKERTY CUP GAMES

Subject to confirmation
SATURDAY—Dockerty Cup quarter finals
OLYMPIC PARK — 1 p.m. Melbourne v J.U.S.T.
2.45 p.m. George Cross v Hakoah

SUNDAY—Dockerty Cup quarter finals.
OLYMPIC PARK — 1 p.m. Slavia v Wilhelmina.
2.45 p.m. Polonia v S.M.-Hellas.

FIRST DIVISION SATURDAY
PORT MELBOURNE, WILLIAMSTOWN ROAD — Makedonia v Croatia.

Hat-tricks

Three State League players had hat-trick honors last weekend — Jimmy Malloy (Melbourne), Ivan Pilk (J.U.S.T.) who scored four, and Pyrgolios (S.M.-Hellas).

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We ask all State League officials to give our friends from over the border a fair hearing and to listen intently to all they have to say.

Now is the time to ask questions and to find out what all the National League talk is about.

Don't condemn it before the facts have been explained fully and don't leave the conference without having your say.

Victorian officials must come out into the open and make up their minds once and for all — either we are going to be in it, or out of it.

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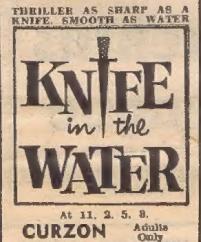
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HE'S A YOUNG MAN IN A HURRY

BY FRED VILLIERS

Mike Mandalis, this season's top State League goalscorer, is a young man in a hurry.

Since he arrived in Australia from Egypt eight years ago he's had nothing but success.

Now 18, and at the threshold of a brilliant Soccer career, Mike should have little trouble representing Australia in the next two or three years.

If he continues to play and improve his game like he has done over the past two seasons, you can write his name down now as a future Australian forward.

Mike was born in Cairo and he came to Melbourne with his parents when he was 10.

He was educated at Prahran Technical School and made his Australian

Soccer debut with South Yarra club.

In 1958 he won the juniors' best and fairest award and also was top goalscorer.

He joined Hakeah in 1960 and played half back and forward. It was one Saturday afternoon when he was playing for the Jewish-sponsored club that young Mike was spotted by Hellas committee-man Charles Musker.

Charles told the Hellas coach at that time, Manly Poulakakes, about his young "find" and in 1962 Mike joined the Greek club as an inside forward for the reserves.

In 1963 Mike played seven games with the first team but this season he's only missed three games in the State League.

Mike has improved with every game. His sharp-shooting tactics have given him 16 goals in the league this year.

Mike was emphatic when I spoke with him. "I want to improve my game at all costs," he said.

"I'd like to go overseas, Italy, Greece or England, to learn more about the game and receive coaching from a top professional."

Young Mike has represented Victoria 16 times in junior competition but, of course, he hopes one day to play for Victoria in the seniors.

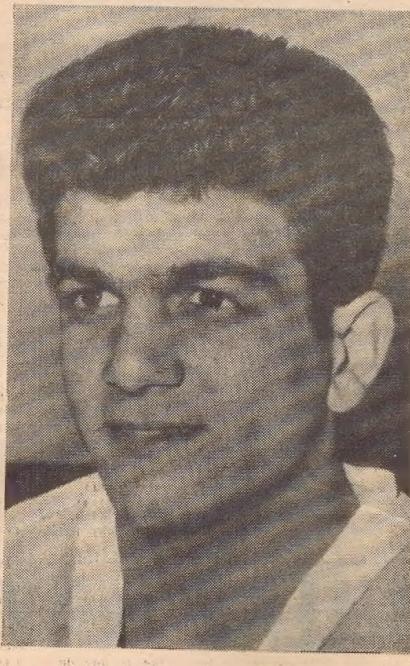
Mike thinks there should be more young players in State League teams.

"Juniors play a clean and fair game but they don't get enough coaching," he says.

"Juniors should get more top-class coaching."

"There are a lot of juniors who can play better than me but they are not looked after and people don't see them."

"They often leave clubs because they are unwanted and take up another sport," Mike added.



• Hellas youngster Michael Mandalis

Letters to editor

SIR, — Soccer News reported Hellas winning the championship in a small notice at the bottom of the page, but gave quite a big write up to J.U.S.T. concerning their protest. We are amazed at such a paltry notice for Hellas's wonderful win, of such a hard, closely contested year and after a bad start too. — EF.

TIIMOS PASHALIDIS, 2 Robertson Pde, Aspendale.

We regret that your feelings have been hurt but space is precious and other Hellas items also had to receive prominence. The Hellas items concerning its thoughts on the national league were in our opinion of more news value to our readers. That's why it received more space — Editor.

★

SIR, — I would like to congratulate you on producing

a fine edition of Soccer News last week.

Although not a Wilhelmina supporter I enjoyed the story on Terry Luckhurst as I did those on Archie Campbell, Frank Micic, Norm Hobson and others. Page 4 should always have stories on players because everyone, irrespective of his club, likes to read them.

Instead of wasting money on TV ads. promoting Soccer, which can hardly impress the football-mad Australians, the money should be given to Soccer News to make it a bigger, better and interesting paper. It should include the tips of the games by experts, besides the previews of Jim Cook.

— A. FARRUGIA (16 yrs.), Vivian Grove, Hawthorn.

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SIR, — Referring to the meeting of the Referees' Association and the executive of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

State League referee George Yelland is reported to have said: "The players should learn the Soccer laws." This might be a good idea, but I think that an even better idea would be if the referees did this first.

One only had to see the poor standard of refereeing of the game Wilhelmina-S-Hellas at the Olympic Park on Sunday, August 16.

The referee of that game made such strange decisions, which were so contrary to the Soccer laws that there is no doubt who should learn the Soccer laws first. — K. J. PIKE (Waverley St., Essendon).

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JUVENTUS MUST PULL UP THEIR SOCKS

POST MORTEM

Juventus will have to do some serious thinking and bolster their side if they are to survive the early rounds of the Australia Cup.

They were knocked out of the Dockerty Cup last Sunday by a Melbourne side that attacked vigorously all day.

MELBOURNE 4, JUVENTUS 1

Juventus were weakened by the loss of key players, including Donlevy, but they were a very ragged side.

Melbourne's teamwork in defence and attack, with Malloy the star, gave them the game.

Elliott and Gregal kept Juventus at bay in defence and Kenny and O'xion were too slow to take advantage of any attacking moves.

Referee Stafrace controlled the game well.

GOALSCORERS — Melbourne (Malloy 3, McCraig, Juventus (Kenny).

GEORGE CROSS 2, ALEXANDER 1

George Cross played their worst game for 12 weeks. They were ragged and missed many chances.

Only bright spot in a rather dull game was Petersen's goal. Hodgson had fired for goal, but the ball hit the upright and bounced back. Copeland caught it and slammed it into the cross bar. Petersen caught this rebound and scored.

GOALSCORERS — George Cross (Petersen, Hodgson), Alexander (Racovacis).

S.M.-HELLAS 6, UNIVERSITY 0

University were no match for Hellas in any department. The Greeks scored at will, Jimmy Pyrgolios playing well to notch a hat-trick.

Pyrgolios is the most improved winger in State League and his strong play has given the Hellas attack a big lift.

A good crowd filled Middle Park, hoping to see new player Ernie Ackerley play, but his clearance was not through in time.

GOALSCORERS — Hellas (Pyrgolios 3, T. Anderson, Mandalis, Kamboropoulos).

POLONIA 4, LIONS 0

A one-sided game. Lions were no match for the Ampol Cup champions. By keeping the ball on the ground Polonia completely outclassed their opponents.

Referee Armstrong came under criticism for not awarding a penalty in the second half when Bevis was tripped in the penalty box. This angered Lions supporters. Bobby McLachlan was ordered off for arguing with the referee.

Best players: Polonia (Mroczkowski, Kowalew, Dudson), Lions (Voigt, Kleinert).

GOALSCORERS — Polonia (Mroczkowski 2, Jurecki, Zientara). —MARTYN HARRIS

J.U.S.T. 4, CROATIA 0

Ivan the Terrible struck again at Olympic Park. He netted J.U.S.T.'s four goals against Croatia. This brought Piki's total to 11 in three games.

Croatia didn't look like beating the Dockerty Cup holders. They had an early chance when Richmond and Billy Vojtek had the ball in front of the goal, but they failed to grab the opportunity.

GOALSCORERS — J.U.S.T. (Piki 4).

SLAVIA 5, TRIESTINA 0

Slavia have regained form but they've left it too late for a chance in the Australia Cup. But with luck this new-found form could win them the Dockerty Cup this season.

Triestina are not the side they were two months back. They'll have to improve if they wish to retain their position in top company in 1965.

Best of Slavia's men were Sanchez, Auchie and Birch.

GOALSCORERS — Slavia (Birch 2, Sanchez, McMeechan, Auchie).

WILHELMINA 5, SANDRINGHAM CITY 1

Wilhelmina had a field day with their first division opponents. Frank Stoffels was at his best in attack, netting two goals.

Sandringham proved they were not in State League class but they were game tries and did well to get a goal.

The game was good practice for Wilhelmina for their vital Dockerty Cup quarter-final clash this Saturday against Slavia.

GOALSCORERS — Wilhelmina (Stoffels 2, Simpson, Keenek, Luckhurst), Sandringham City (Bell).

HAKOAH 6, MAKEDONIA 2

Hakoah won easily in the finish against a Macedonia side which showed plenty of fight but never looked like State League aspirants.

Forging ahead with a quick goal, Makedonia's through-the-middle thrusts brought early panic to a shaky Hakoah defence. But once they settled, the Middle Park side varied their tactics in attack and found goalscoring easy.

It was a clean game all through with neither side resorting to tactics that even bore the resemblance of shadys.

Stephane, Chaldi and Keenan did well in a sound Hakoah attack while Moks, Glenrie and Grozdanov were the pick of Makedonia.

GOALSCORERS — Hakoah (Rowley 2, Chaldi 2, Keenan, Stenhouse), Makedonia (Grozdanov 2).

Apia wooed our Ernie

Hellas player Tommy Anderson and team manager Bill Curran waited anxiously at Essendon Airport last Friday morning.

Every plane that landed ed in there by an Apia official.

But Ernie didn't turn up. So Bill and Tommy jumped on a plane for Sydney—and there they found Ernie Ackerley in one of Sydney's most exclusive hotels—he had been booked.

By a pre-arranged plan it was decided that Tommy would not reveal his identity to Apia officials for fear they would not disclose Ernie's whereabouts.

So Tommy presented himself "as a good friend of Ernie Ackerley, who had heard he had just landed in Australia."

Apia officials then told Tommy where Ernie was staying.

Accused of trying to sign Ernie in spite of Hellas' claim on him, Apia officials said that Hellas had sponsored him into Australia.

But Ernie had no intention of signing for Apia. He had accepted their hospitality because his bride of three weeks had been suffering from air sickness and needed a rest.

Ernie stayed in Sydney Friday night and flew to Melbourne on Saturday morning.

Sandringham's annual dinner

Sandringham City's annual dinner is at Brighton Club Hotel on September 25. Table reservations from Geoff Dobb, 97-4307.

Mario Bartolo, Sandringham social secretary, became the proud father of a son on Monday night. Both Mrs Bartolo and baby are well, in Sandringham Memorial Hospital.

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He just missed on trophy

Melbourne centre half Alan Elliott made a great bid for the Soccer News trophy — and he failed by one vote.

Elliott received two votes for his game against Alexander last Wednesday. He polled 20 for the season.

Two other players shared second place with Elliott. They are Frank Donlevy (Juventus) and Jackie Dudson (Polonia).

Elliott is perhaps the League's most consistent player. He rarely turns in a poor game and he knits the Melbourne defence tightly together.

Donlevy has been one of the League's most brilliant players. He has been Juventus' outstanding player, both on the forward line and at half back.

Donlevy won the Sporting Globe's Best and Fairest Trophy.

Dudson has won many a game for Polonia with his strong and courageous play. He is always in the thick of things, looking for an opportunity to put his team into attack.

BEST IN CLUBS

Here are the best players in each club, as they finished in Soccer News voting:

HELLAS—Jimmy Adam.

GEORGE CROSS—David Goldie.

J.U.S.T.—Billy Rice.

JUVENTUS—Frank Donlevy.

SLAVIA—John Sanchez, John

Auchie.

POLONIA—Jackie Dudson.

HAKOAH—Alan Stenhouse.

WILHELMINA—Frank Stoffels.

MELBOURNE—Alan Elliott.

LIONS—Kurt Beinroth, Deiter

Voigt.

TRIESTINA—Ernie Grosz.

ALEXANDER—Same Service.



• Melbourne's Alan Elliott

Final voting figures

21—Adam (S.M.-H)	doukos (Alex)
20—Donlevy (Juv.)	Adams (G.C.)
19—Dudson (Pol.)	W. McIvor (Hok)
18—Rice (J.U.S.T.)	Hortley (Juv.)
17—Sanchez, Birch (Slav.)	de Bruyckere (Lions)
16—Gross (Triest.)	Jonczyk (Pol.)
15—Goldie (G.C.)	Sonsini (Triest.)
14—Voigt (Juv.)	van der Goog (Wil.)
13—Stenhouse (Hok.)	Pelridis (Mestrovic)
12—Monds (Pol.)	Mostravasilis (Alex)
11—Roussis (Hellas)	Chaldi (Hok)
10—Dixon, Mici (J.U.S.T.)	Higgins (Sentry)
9—Beinroth, Voigt, (Lions)	F. Merv (Lions)
8—Cook (Slav.)	Shepherd (Slav.)
7—Jurecki (Pol.)	Pyrgolios (Hellas)
6—Stanovik (J.U.S.T.)	Menich (Triest.)
5—Kowafec (Pol.)	Vilfers (Hok.)
4—McPherson (G.C.)	Kenny, Ferguson (Juv.)
3—Stenhouse (Hok.)	McLachlin (Slav.)
2—Maddenovic (J.U.S.T.)	Schumaker, Nicl (Lions)
1—Hodgson (G.C.)	Abonyi (Melb.)
9—Waugh, Keenan (Hok.)	Gianinozzi (Triest.)
8—Rowley (Hok.)	Bosklopker, Norris (Wil.)
7—Dixon, Mici (J.U.S.T.)	Andreadis, Dini (Alex)
6—Jurecki (Pol.)	H. Hobson, Stevenson (G.C.)
5—Campbell, Copeland (G.C.)	H. Murney (Hok.)
4—Lotte (Hok.)	Pilk (J.U.S.T.)
3—Kleinert, Lockhart, von Alphen (Wil.)	Patterson (Juv.)
2—Michaelidis (Alex.)	Kleinert, Schwarz (Lions)
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The under 12's battle it out

There was a lot of excitement at Elwood Reserve last Sunday, when the under-12's entered their fifth round of the pennant competition. Top team South Melbourne-Hellas had to battle hard to beat the improving Springvale and regain top position on the ladder.

On the second ground the runners up Hakoah-Ajax were surprisingly beaten by Frankston.

Results (fifth round): S.M.-Hellas 4, Springvale 1; Chelsea 4, Bayswater 0; Frankston 2, Hakoah-Ajax 1; Melbourne 2, Moorabbin 0; and Wilhelmina 3, Ferntree Gully 0.

Frank Agard on behalf of Melbourne Club was an excellent host and the boys with their families enjoyed every minute of the tournament.

Hellas and Melbourne are at the moment joint leaders with 8 points, Wilhelmina is third and Hakoah-Ajax 6th.

Next Sunday, Ferntree Gully is organising the

sixth round. The opening game at noon will be played between Hakoah-Ajax and Springvale followed by Bayswater v

JUNIORS

Moorabbin, Melbourne v Wilhelmina, Hellas v Ferntree Gully and Chelsea v Frankston.

The ground is located at Kings Park, Upper Ferntree Gully. Public transport or train to Upper Ferntree Gully then a 1/2 mile walk to the ground.

At 10.30, a first trial for under-12 selected players will be held at the same ground. Players should report to Mike Cambrey.

A selected under-12 team will play North Yarra and at the end of October South Yarra will play at Latrobe Valley. The under-16 selected team will play two games, the first at Crib Point against the Navy on September 27, and Latrobe Valley on November 8.

Players jostled

J.U.S.T. players Frank Micic and Tom Stankovic were jostled by spectators as they left Olympic Park last Saturday. Neither was hurt.

Alexander talks

Alexander are holding a meeting soon to decide their future.

Whisper is they may amalgamate with another State League team.

Richmond hold a special meeting at the Tivoli Club, Richmond, tomorrow night (Friday) at 8 p.m. All officials, players and friends are requested to attend.

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The squad will resume training next Sunday at Elwood Reserve at 10 a.m. Also the under-14 squad will train at the same ground at 10 a.m.

Team managers of under-16 and 14 should send their best players for a trial.

The following games will be played next Saturday in the under-18 group of the Zemmel Memorial Cup competition: S.M.-Hellas v Melbourne, Box Hill v Navy, Slavia v Springvale, Hakoah-Ajax v Moorabbin and Dandenong-Bye.

And this attraction should pull out a record crowd for Port Melbourne Soccer.

With both teams level on points, Croatia are in the box seat. With a better goal average they only need to draw to ensure their return to the State League.

On the other hand, nothing short of an outright win will be good enough to put Makedonia upstairs.

What are the chances and the potential of the two sides?

Let's take Makedonia. A spirited side with plenty of experience they have little potential and in their game with Hakoah only centre forward, Grosdanov looks really good State League material. And if they win the honor of stepping up they want at least six first-class players in their side.

But according to reports this is their intention.

Croatia aren't all that good either with a smattering of last season's players and some from other clubs that weren't getting regular placings.

Only Rau and Billy Vojtek of their side impress at present. So they too will have to go into the buying market on a big scale, if they win through.

Likely teams:

MAKEDONIA: Manner-

ing, Cairns, Popomilkov, McRae, Marks, Glennie, Wilson, Medina, Grozdanov, Terry, Carmichael, Kalinchev, Yarkovets, Krashishou.

CROATIA: Ward, Doherty, Briscuso, Becci, Slivac, Matijevic, Toto, Vojtek, Richmond, J. Vojtek, Norris, Abela, Bartulica.

This is what DEREK McMINN, our metropolitan correspondent, has to say.

Never in Metropolitan Soccer history has the spotlight fallen on any game like it will on Saturday's match of the year.

Both clubs have spent thousands of pounds in their endeavours to reach the elusive State League.

The sides are at full strength and each equally confident of success.

Apart from their defeats in Dockey Cup games they have sustained only one loss each in league matches.

Everything points to Croatia who, with their slender goal advantage, can afford a draw but my money remains on Makedonia for victory.

Biggest hurdle for Makedonia's sharpshooting forwards will be eluding Croatia's stout-hearted defenders Slivac, Matijevic and Rau.

These three musketeers, backed up by young Dockey in goal, rarely falter under pressure.

Croatia's forwards will

have their problems also against Makedonia's close defence, where John Marks is outstanding.

No matter what way you look at it the fate of this game depends on Makedonia's ability to score the vital goals necessary to clinch the points.

The onus falls on Wilson, Grozdanov, Terry and Carmichael, consistent goal-getters all year, to notch a winning tally.

Whatever the result, this will be a game well worth watching and all Metropoli-

tan and Soccer followers take special note of the 2.45 p.m. kick-off and the altered venue.

In other games Coburg may clinch third place by scoring a narrow victory over the hard-hitting Box Hill.

If Box Hill win I feel Sandringham, who play Oakleigh, should score by the slenderest of margins to prove they are the top British club in Metropolitan Soccer by taking over third position.

Walter's advice to players . . .

(By JIM COOK)

At this year's Summer Coaching School held by the Scottish Football Association, Walter Winterbottom, world famous coach and former England manager, was the principal speaker.

And here were Walter's main points:

• Never devise tactics above the individual skill of your players.

• Schoolboys shouldn't

need coaching — let them come up in a natural way. Then, after they show the required talent, step in and teach them teamwork. Nobody ever told Mario Bueno how to hold a tennis racket or Jimmy Greaves how to kick a ball.

• Teamwork should be flexible. A footballer's mind is like a parachute — it doesn't function unless it's open.

• Lost but not least — there's no substitute for skill.

Winterbottom arrives in Australia soon with Sir Stanley Rous and other FIFA officials to institute the first referees' coaching course in Australia.

He wants to coach here

One of Africa's best-known Soccer identities, Jim Adjaye, would like to come to Australia as a coach.

Jim, a talented sportman, has represented his country as a player in many internationals and against top sides like England, Spain, Brazil and Ireland.

In 1958 he was offered, and took up, a scholarship by the Ghana Government,

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MAKEDONIA OR CROATIA

DEREK McMINN

The scene's set at Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne on Saturday at 2.45 p.m. for the greatest ever promotion battle to the State League—Makedonia v Croatia.

And this attraction should pull out a record crowd for Port Melbourne Soccer.

With both teams level on points, Croatia are in the box seat. With a better goal average they only need to draw to ensure their return to the State League.

On the other hand, nothing short of an outright win will be good enough to put Makedonia upstairs.

What are the chances and the potential of the two sides?

Let's take Makedonia. A spirited side with plenty of experience they have little potential and in their game with Hakoah only centre forward, Grosdanov looks really good State League material. And if they win the honor of stepping up they want at least six first-class players in their side.

But according to reports this is their intention.

Croatia aren't all that good either with a smattering of last season's players and some from other clubs that weren't getting regular placings.

Only Rau and Billy Vojtek of their side impress at present. So they too will have to go into the buying market on a big scale, if they win through.

Likely teams:

MAKEDONIA: Manner-

ing, Cairns, Popomilkov, McRae, Marks, Glennie, Wilson, Medina, Grozdanov, Terry, Carmichael, Kalinchev, Yarkovets, Krashishou.

CROATIA: Ward, Doherty, Briscuso, Becci, Slivac, Matijevic, Toto, Vojtek, Richmond, J. Vojtek, Norris, Abela, Bartulica.

This is what DEREK McMINN, our metropolitan correspondent, has to say.

Never in Metropolitan Soccer history has the spotlight fallen on any game like it will on Saturday's match of the year.

Both clubs have spent thousands of pounds in their endeavours to reach the elusive State League.

The sides are at full strength and each equally confident of success.

Apart from their defeats in Dockey Cup games they have sustained only one loss each in league matches.

Everything points to Croatia who, with their slender goal advantage, can afford a draw but my money remains on Makedonia for victory.

Biggest hurdle for Makedonia's sharpshooting forwards will be eluding Croatia's stout-hearted defenders Slivac, Matijevic and Rau.

These three musketeers, backed up by young Dockey in goal, rarely falter under pressure.

Croatia's forwards will



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LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S.M.-Hellas	22	13	4	5	55	41	30
George Cross	22	12	5	5	45	25	29
J.U.S.T.	22	11	7	4	45	28	29
Juventus	22	11	5	6	38	26	27
Slavia	22	11	5	6	37	26	27
Polonia	22	10	6	6	46	25	26
Hakoah	22	7	6	9	44	48	20
Wilhelmina	22	8	4	10	40	48	20
Melbourne	22	7	3	12	42	56	17
Lions	22	5	5	12	41	59	15
Triestina	22	6	3	13	20	43	15
Alexander	22	4	1	17	21	49	9

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
George Cross	19	15	2	2	56	19	32
Hakoah	21	16	0	5	69	32	32
Juventus	21	13	2	6	70	28	28
Polonia	22	13	2	7	66	40	28
Wilhelmina	19	12	1	6	55	33	25
Slavia	21	8	3	10	42	46	19
Melbourne	19	9	0	10	53	48	18
S.M.-Hellas	19	8	2	9	31	36	18
Lions	22	7	3	12	33	43	17
J.U.S.T.	18	3	4	11	28	71	10
Triestina	21	4	1	16	26	75	9
Alexander	20	3	0	17	13	71	6

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	21	17	3	1	72	17	37
Makedonia	21	17	3	1	67	17	37
Moreland	22	10	4	8	51	41	24
Coburg	21	11	2	8	61	52	24
Oakleigh	21	11	2	8	44	41	24
Sandringham	21	10	3	8	40	36	23
Box Hill	21	9	4	8	34	30	22
Sunshine City	22	7	2	13	38	57	16
Dandenong	22	7	2	13	42	65	16
Austria	22	6	2	14	30	60	14
Richmond	22	5	2	15	28	57	12
Bayswater	22	3	1	16	29	71	9

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	21	15	2	4	66	18	32
Croatia	21	14	2	5	67	26	30
Coburg	21	12	4	5	58	41	28
Dandenong	21	12	4	5	54	39	28
Sunshine City	22	12	2	8	56	43	26
Makedonia	21	10	5	6	54	41	28
Moreland	21	8	4	9	43	40	20
Sandringham	21	6	2	9	38	46	18
Austria	21	6	3	12	51	80	12
Oakleigh	21	5	4	12	29	70	14
Bayswater	21	4	4	13	36	64	12
Richmond	22	3	0	19	17	61	6

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moonee Ponds	22	15	6	1	49	20	36
Collingwood	22	14	5	3	55	23	33
Fernree Gully	22	15	2	5	65	37	32
Libertas	21	11	3	7	36	34	25
Prahran	22	12	1	9	47	45	25
Brighton	22	10	4	8	46	37	24
Park Rangers	22	6	10	50	48		
St. Albans	22	7	4	11	31	31	18
University	21	7	3	11	34	34	17
South Yarra	22	4	7	11	25	49	15
Williamstown	22	5	2	15	41	76	12
F.N.D.	22	3	1	18	25	70	7

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton	22	17	2	3	92	24	36
Park Rangers	21	13	4	4	53	25	30
South Yarra	22	13	3	6	62	32	29
Fernree Gully	21	11	5	4	55	22	27
Prahran	22	11	5	51	40	27	
Frankston	20	12	1	7	49	28	25
University	21	7	4	10	32	40	18
Moonee Ponds	22	6	3	13	40	51	15
Collingwood	22	7	1	14	25	42	15
St. Albans	22	6	2	14	38	57	15
Mooreabbin	21	5	3	13	20	74	13
Williamstown	22	4	1	17	23	95	9

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ringwood	22	19	2	1	76	16	10
Springvale	22	18	2	2	90	23	38
Frankston	22	14	4	4	62	28	32
Trident	22	12	2	9	39	59	24
ICL	22	11	2	9	39	59	24
Mooreabbin	22	11	1	10	33	39	23
Essendon	22	8	3	11	39	67	19
Northcote	22	7	4	11	31	38	18
Heidelberg	22	6	4	12	28	45	16
Sunshine Heights	22	6	4	12	20	63	16
Croydon	22	5	3	15	81	81	0
Rosebud	22	0	0	22	0	0	0

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FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley	22	17	4	1	87	19	38
Ajax	22	17	3	2	70	26	37
Albion Rovers	22	17	0	5	77	16	34
Glenroy	22	13	4	5	83	34	20
Hercules	22	14	1	7	83	24	29
Tullamarine	22	9	4	9	53	62	22
Chelsea	22	6	10	44	60	18	
Helvetie	22	6	4	12	37	61	16
Mooroolbark	22	7	1	14	47	76	
Flemington	22	4	4	12	31	72	12
Melita	22	3	16	29	85	9	
Huntingdale	22	1	2	19	15	106	4

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	21	15	2	4	66	18	32
Moreland	22	14	2	5	67	26	30
South Yarra	22	13	3	6	70	28	28
Bronx 1	21	11	3	6	62	33	25
Bronx 2	21	10	4	7	58	37	24
Bronx 3	21	9	5	8	55	41	23
Bronx 4	21	8	6	9	52	38	21
Bronx 5	21	7	7	10	49	39	19
Bronx 6	21	6	8	11	46	36	18
Bronx 7	21	5	9	12	43	33	17
Bronx 8	21	4	10	13	40	30	16
Bronx 9	21	3	11	14	37	27	15
Bronx 10	21	2	12	15	34	26	14
Bronx 11	21	1	13	16	31	23	13
Bronx 12	21	0	14	17	28	20	12

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	21	15	2	4	66	18	32
Moreland	22	14	2	5	67	26	30
South Yarra	22	13	3	6	70	28	28
Bronx 1	21	11	3	6	62	33	25
Bronx 2	21	10	4	7	58	37	24
Bronx 3	21	9	5	8	55	41	23
Bronx 4	21	8	6	9	52	38	21
Bronx 5	21	7	7	10	49	39	19
Bronx 6	21	6	8	11	46	36	18
Bronx 7	21	5	9	12	43	33	17
Bronx 8	21	4	10	13	40	30	16
Bronx 9	21	3	11	14	37	27	15
Bronx 10	21	2	12	15	28	20	12
Bronx 11	21	1	13	16	25	20	13
Bronx 12	21	0	14	17	22	17	12

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P

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It's money makes a club go round!

IN TOUCH

with FRED VILLIERS



After attending a Hellas house party at North Balwyn last Saturday night, I'm beginning to realise what keeps a big club in circulation — money!

And with the successful clubs most of it comes out of the pockets of supporters.

As I walked into Mr Kandiliotis' house in Bulleen Road, I saw one of the biggest stacks of paper money since Melbourne's flag day, for the cancer appeal.

Supporters were throwing in green, blue and red notes by the score. Believe me, it was a stack that would give any bank teller a headache.

And all this cash was for Hellas, Victoria's champion club.

With the cash went the good wishes of supporters for another successful season next year.

And with such stars as former Manchester United centre forward Ernie Ackerley arriving, Hellas will need every penny they can get their hands on to help pay his expenses.

Ernie, with his bride of three weeks, was the guest of honour at the party.

It was an opportunity for officials and players to meet him.

One of the proudest at the party was half back Tommy Anderson, who was responsible for encouraging Ernie to migrate to Australia when he returned to England for a trip last year.

Mr Theo Marmaras, Australian and Victorian Federation chairman, said it was good to see so many top players coming to Victoria.

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● Juventus full back Rocky Frangioni heads the ball clear from Melbourne sharp-shooter Jimmy Molloy at Olympic Park on Sunday. Molloy scored a hat-trick for Melbourne.

Country teams to play

Soccer Shorts

The Victorian Country Football Association will play their final — Bell Park v Yallourn — as a curtain raiser to a Dockey Cup semi-final at Olympic Park on September 27.

Moonee Ponds S.C. held their end of the season dinner at Manresa Hall, Corner of Glenferrie and Burwood Roads, Hawthorn, on September 26.

Moonee Ponds S.C. are organising a lightning competition for the J. B. Holden Perpetual Trophy. The draw will be made on Saturday at Austria's ground at Elwood. Teams taking part are Austria, Brighton, Collingwood, Fernree Gully, Park Rangers, Prahran City, St. Albans, South Yarra, Springvale, ICI, Ringwood, Springvale, Tullamarine and Moonee Ponds.

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He welcomed Mr and Mrs Ackerley, Mr and Mrs Jimmy Adam and centre half Andrew Roussis to the Hellas club.

Mr Marmaras also paid tribute to the work done by Hellas coach Paddy Sloan, he congratulated Mike Mandalis on winning the Soccer News trophy for the leading goalscorer for 1964 and also thanked Bill Curran, the team manager.

If Ernie Ackerley lives up to his reputation he should bring back some of the lost crowds to Melbourne Soccer.

He has played in a World Cup match for Manchester United and also played alongside Denis Law, one of Britain's greatest forwards.

Ernie told me that Law was a "fantastic player." Ernie said Law was "better than Puskas."

"Law has fantastic speed. It is a great honor to play with him," he said.

Ernie has undergone a strict program of training in England.

He said he has been used to training with the medicine ball.

He has been playing with fourth division club Barrow, who specialise in the defensive game.

Ernie believes he can pass on many new tips to Hellas and his team-mates.

In build, Ernie is like his cousin, Stan, who used to play full back for Slavia and is now with Sydney club Apia.

Ernie is a picture of health. He looks fit, and once he settles down in Australia should be a credit to his club and to the game here.

Franz van Balkom, Wilhelmina left half, who left for Holland last year, will be returning to Australia on October 7 next.

Fans can look forward to a great weekend on October 3 and 4.

On the Saturday, Juventus of Melbourne play Juventus of Canberra in the first round of the Australia Cup and on Sunday the Dockey Cup final will be played.

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